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Calendar

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Talk with former volunteers and the UT recruiter over coffee at the Starbucks on 24th Street from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Today in history

## In 1980

President Jimmy Carter announces that the U.S. will boycott the Olympic Games scheduled to take place in Moscow that summer, due to the Soviet Union's presence in Afghanistan.



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## 9 p.m. Videogame Hour Live

This classic TSTV show is back! To celebrate this reboot we discuss movie reboots and remakes and have some fast paced trivia to test our contestants' movie knowledge. If you love movies, tune in!

## 9:30 p.m. Combo Breaker

The station manager, Steven, gave VGHL a short deadline to turn in their pilot episode, and they don't have anything ready yet! Kyle will have to distract Steven while Wes and the others scramble together a show.

# Texas organizations unite to get Longhorns voting

By Andrew Messamore  
Daily Texan Staff

Campus organizations hoping to improve low student voter turnout may be short on time to get voters registered for Texas's presidential primary and city elections in May.

March 30 will be the first day to register for a mail-in ballot, which is the easiest way for students registered in Travis County to participate in the May 29 primary if they are leaving town for the summer. For students residing in Austin over the summer, the last day to register is April 29.

The Texas primary is scheduled for May 29,

about a month after the end of classes, because of court battles over gerrymandered districts that delayed Texas' maps from being set until Feb. 28.

The University Democrats have been encouraging students to register in Travis County this year, and the delayed primary date has frustrated attempts to get more students voting, said University Democrats spokesman Andre Treiber.

"Requiring students to register for a mail-in ballot is going to stop some people from voting because they don't want to jump through

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## TYPES OF ID ACCEPTABLE FOR VOTING

### CURRENT LAW

- Voter registration certificate
- Driver's license
- Department of Public Safety ID card
- A form of ID containing the person's photo that establishes the person's identity
- A birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the person's identity U.S. citizenship papers
- A U.S. passport addressed to the person, by name, from a governmental entity
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the person's name and address
- Any other form of ID prescribed by the secretary of state

### PENDING LAW

- Driver's license
- Election identification certificate
- Dept. of Public Safety personal ID card
- U.S. military ID
- U.S. citizenship certificate
- U.S. passport
- License to carry a concealed handgun issued by the Dept. of Public Safety

All of the above must include a photo of the voter. With the exception of the certificate of citizenship, these forms of ID cannot be expired, or cannot have expired more than 60 days before the election.

# Clark Field secured for lacrosse teams after renovations

By Liz Farmer  
Daily Texan Staff

The newly renovated Clark Field is now reserved for about 10 hours per week for the men's and women's lacrosse teams, leaving students unable to use the field during team practice.

Renovations on Clark Field at San Jacinto Boulevard and 21st Street began in July, and the field reopened on Nov. 16 with new turf, space for spectators and restrooms. Donors funded \$3 million of the \$4 million renovations to Clark Field, and one of the main donors requested that the field become lacrosse's home venue. Former UT System Board of Regents Chairman H. Scott Caven Jr. made the donation in honor of his late son, according to the RecSports website. Caven's son died in an automobile accident a week before he planned to start at the University where he hoped to play lacrosse.

Psychology graduate student Michael Buhrmester has used Clark Field to play soccer with friends since he started at the University as an undergraduate. However, since the semester began he has been asked to move to the sidelines about five times in order for the lacrosse team to practice. He said it is more difficult to meet students at the intramural Whitaker Fields, which are located on 51st and Guadalupe streets.

"It doesn't make sense to me why the lacrosse team should have authority over that space," Buhrmester said. "It's not fulfilling the purpose of the field, which is to be a green oasis for students within walking distance."



Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

The women's lacrosse practices at Clark Field Tuesday evening. Some students are upset with the current scheduling of men's and women's lacrosse practices at the field on weekday evenings, which keeps other students from using the field.

Buhrmester said in the evenings the lacrosse team uses half of the field for practice, but the whole field is cleared of other students.

"It doesn't serve anybody but the lacrosse team for them to practice there nightly," Buhrmester said. "It's

not optimal; it could be fixed."

UT RecSports associate director Jennifer Speer said most sport clubs have a home venue, and the reservation for the lacrosse teams to use the entire field is for safety reasons. She said the department has tried to

schedule lacrosse so that the general student population has access before and after the lacrosse teams' practices.

"Making sure we honor those donors' vision is important," Speer said. "We understand that when we

have to clear the field, those students might be disappointed. We recognize that this is the last green space on campus."

Speer said RecSports tries to keep

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Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Eric Nimmer, Election Supervisory Board chair, listens to Aakash Kumar's argument regarding Student Government candidates Madison Gardner and Antonio Guevara Tuesday night.

## SG candidates charged after reinstatement

By Jody Serrano  
Daily Texan Staff

A day after being reinstated, Student Government presidential candidate Madison Gardner and running mate Antonio Guevara stood before the Election Supervisory Board yet again for complaints filed against their campaign.

Austin Carlson, SG law school

representative, filed a complaint against Gardner and Guevara calling for their disqualification Monday evening. Carlson claims the candidates did not accurately report campaign expenses and intentionally falsified their financial documents. The Board heard the complaint at a public hearing Tuesday night and Carlson filed five counts of financial violations against Gardner and Guevara.

The board has until Thursday night to determine the consequences the campaign will face. Currently, elections for executive alliances are scheduled for March 28 and 29.

He claims they received professional help on their website, although the Board ruled they were not in violation of this on Feb. 20,

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# UT student bicyclists receive safety tips for riding on campus

By Kayla Jonsson  
Daily Texan Staff

With around 3,000 students zipping around campus on bicycles every day, crashes are common, but also avoidable with the proper safety precautions.

There have been nine reported bike crashes on campus during the 2011-12 school year, according to UT Police Department records, and 54 crashes throughout Austin in 2012, according to Austin Police Department records. There has been one bicycle wreck fatality in 2012 and it was not on campus, according to APD records.

"Typically crashes are caused by a visibility issue," said Craig Staley, general manager of Lance Armstrong's Mellow Johnny's Bike Shop. "Most of the crashes, including the fatal ones, happen because someone did not see someone else."

Staley said maintaining visibility and wearing a helmet are the most important aspects of

safe biking, which is reinforced by UTPD records, which show that all bike crashes this school year have happened in the late afternoon or later, when there is less sunlight.

"Helmets, lights and proper safety equipment are very important," Staley said. "We encourage all of our customers to buy a good helmet and lights and reflectors when they purchase a bike."

Staley said the UT area is slightly safer for biking because the abundance of riders forces pedestrians and motorists to stay on the lookout.

"I would suggest riding on campus as much as possible, rather than riding on Guadalupe [Street]," he said. "Not that Guadalupe [Street] is completely unsafe. It does have a bike lane which is helpful. There is just so much congestion there, though, and the motorists are less likely to be on the lookout

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Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

UT alumna Avani Trivedi walks her bike out from the racks next to Gregory Gym Monday afternoon. Trivedi is seen with various bike safety items such as lights, reflectors, helmet and even a neon safety jacket for enhancing visibility.

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for bicyclists.” Sam Cortez, bike coordinator for UT Parking and Transportation Services, said planning and learning a route is an important key to safe cycling. “The No. 1 safety tip is to ride predictably,” Cortez said. “That’s what we tell everyone. Stopping

at stop signs, using hand signals and having lights for the night are also very important.” Lt. Ely Reyes with the APD Highway Enforcement Command said safe bicycling requires teamwork from both bicyclists and motorists. “Bicycle safety is a two-way

street that requires awareness for both cyclists and drivers,” Reyes said. “Bicyclists need to abide by the same traffic laws as vehicles. This means stopping at stop signs and red lights. These are the two most common violations we observe.” Staley said people should ex-

pect to see more changes in their surroundings because of an increase in bicycling and safety awareness. “When the city makes plans for construction of buildings and roads, bikes are part of the equation now,” Staley said. “Al-ways expect there to be bikes.”

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**Board of Operating Trustees Meeting**

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9:30 a.m.

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the IM fields available when Clark is reserved.

Chemistry senior Ellice Tan, president of the women's lacrosse team, said the turf is an improvement from the Intramural Fields' grass.

"It's been really exciting because we really felt more prepared for tournaments," Tan said. "It really helped our game. It's kind of emotional because it means that this sport is growing; we're able to showcase our team on campus."

Tan said the lacrosse teams will not go back to practicing solely at the IM fields.

"We follow the rules that were given to us," Tan said. "It is our field, so we get to use it during those times. We're not trying to step on anyone's toes."

**Clark Field Hours**

- Mon-Thur 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Fri 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sat 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sunday 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Lacrosse Practice hours**

- Mon-Wed 7-9 p.m. women's lacrosse practice
- Tues-Thur 7-9 p.m. men's lacrosse practice
- F 6-8 p.m. men's lacrosse practice

Texas, U Dems, Hook the Vote, Libertarian Longhorns and other organizations are all working to drive student voting this semester, said College Republicans president Cassandra Wright.

"On March 22 we will be holding a big voter registration drive in all the main areas of campus to get people voting, maybe even in their home town," Wright said. "This has the potential to be a setback, but all groups are working together to get people voting so it doesn't adversely affect students."

**“Nitpicking affects campaigning and how much the candidates can dedicate to a campaign.”**

—Aakash Kumar, Gardner/Guevara agent

paigned made a mistake in accidentally turning in the wrong receipt and forgetting to report the 10 percent fine on their financial disclosure and should be issued a fine, but not another disqualification.

"Nitpicking affects campaigning and how much the candidates can dedicate to a campaign," Kumar said. "It's very difficult to watch out for the minute details. People are not going to run if it's this complicated."



## NEWS BRIEFLY

### NASA considers simulation run to prepare astronauts for Mars

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The International Space Station may provide the setting for a 500-day pretend trip to Mars in another few years.

NASA said Tuesday that consideration is under way to use the space station as a dry run for a simulated trip to and from Mars.

It would be patterned after Russia's mock flight to Mars that lasted 520 days at a Moscow research center. Six men were involved in that study, which ended late last year. They were locked in a steel capsule. NASA's future for manned exploration is up in the air as the debate drags on as to where astronauts should head in the decades ahead: the moon, asteroids and/or Mars. The cost promises to be a major factor, along with the development of rocketships big enough to travel so far.

### Syrian rebels must withdraw due to lack of weapons, ammo

GORENTAS, Turkey — Syrian rebel commander Ahmad Mhibzt and his ragtag fighters grabbed their aging rifles to fight Syrian troops advancing on their village, but soon fled under a rain of exploding artillery shells.

Like Mhibzt's men, rebels across Syria fighting to topple President Bashar Assad lack the weapons that can pose a serious challenge to the regime's large, professional army. Some rebel units have more fighters than guns, forcing them to take turns fighting. Because of ammunition shortages, some fire automatic rifles one shot at a time, counting each bullet.

Rebel leaders and anti-regime activists say rising gun prices and more tightly controlled borders are making it harder for them to acquire arms and smuggle them into Syria. This could tip the already unbalanced military equation of Syria's year-old uprising further in the regime's favor.

The opposition has suffered a series of military setbacks as regime forces have repeatedly routed them in their strongholds, most recently the eastern city of Deir al-Zour on Tuesday.

### 'Typical severe weather' strikes from Missouri to North Texas

OKLAHOMA CITY — Storms shuffled through parts of the south-central United States again Tuesday, bringing more heavy rain and thunder so loud some people in Oklahoma mistook it for an earthquake.

Forecasters said the slow-moving storm system that soaked the region Monday could cause more flash floods, hail, strong winds and possibly tornadoes in a corridor stretching from Texas east to Louisiana and as far north as Missouri.

The National Weather Service issued tornado watches for parts of Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. Two tornadoes in the San Antonio area injured at least eight people and damaged about 30 buildings Monday. A twister injured four people and damaged homes near North Platte, Neb., on Sunday.

The storms are expected to stick around for the next few days and then peter out as they meander east, said Jared Guyer, a meteorologist with the weather service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla.

"It's typical March-type severe weather," he said.

### Long, strong earthquake slams southern Mexico, no one injured

MEXICO CITY — A strong 7.4-magnitude earthquake hit central and southern Mexico on Tuesday, collapsing at least 60 homes near the epicenter and a pedestrian bridge in the capital where people fled shaking office buildings in fear.

One of the strongest to shake Mexico since the deadly 1985 temblor that killed thousands in Mexico City, Tuesday's earthquake sent fear and panic across the region, especially after a less powerful, magnitude-5.1 aftershock was felt in the capital and several other aftershocks around the borders of Oaxaca and Guerrero near the epicenter.

But hours after the shaking at noon local time, there were still no reports of death or serious injury.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports

# Attacks kill 46 across Iraq before Arab summit

By Lara Jakes  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents plotting to derail next week's Arab League meeting in Baghdad unleashed bloody attacks across Iraq on Tuesday, killing 46 people. The government vowed not to be scared off from hosting the summit — the first in the country in a generation and a chance to prove it is moving toward normalcy after years of war.

Bombs struck Shiite pilgrims in the holy city of Karbala, set cars on fire in Kirkuk and targeted security forces and government officials in Baghdad and surrounding cities. Iraqis out shopping or eating at restaurants on the bright, spring day fell victim to the onslaught: More than 200 people were wounded in fewer than six hours.

"Dozens of cars were on fire," said a panicked Saman Majid, who had just arrived at his job at a police station in Kirkuk, 180 miles north of Baghdad, when a car in the parking lot exploded.

Thirteen people, most of them police officers, were killed and 59 injured in that attack alone, said Brig. Gen. Sarhad Qadir.

"It was a scene from hell, where there is only a huge fire and dead people and nothing else," Majid said.

The attacks were not entirely unexpected: Government and security officials have warned for weeks that al-Qaida and Sunni sympathizers would try to thwart the League summit by sowing fear about Baghdad's stability. Plans for the capital to host the meeting last year were postponed, in part



Alaa al-Marjani | Associated Press

Family members of Ahmed Mohammed, 34, who was killed in a car bomb attack loads his coffin onto a vehicle before burial in Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq on Tuesday.

because of concerns about security.

Despite numerous roadblocks, checkpoints and other security measures ringing Baghdad, Tuesday's violence showed how easily the militants penetrated the sensitive heart of the capital. A bomb exploded near the Foreign Ministry and offices for

security directors overseeing the summit. Another blew up outside the Green Zone shortly after dawn, its blast shaking windows in buildings across the Tigris River.

The Iraqi wing of al-Qaida said it was behind the bombing outside the Foreign Ministry.

The Shiite-led government staunchly stood by its \$400 million plans to host the summit, which leaders have called a crucial step for Iraq to showcase its improved stability following the sectarian fighting a few years ago that almost pulled the country into civil war.

"Such cowardly acts will not deter the national government and the leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the success of the Arab summit in Baghdad to receive the guests and leaders who are invited," Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari said in a statement.

## Romney spending tons on must-win Illinois primary

By David Espo & Steve Peoples  
The Associated Press

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. — Backed by a crushing television ad advantage, Mitt Romney sought a strong Illinois primary victory Tuesday to solidify his lead over Rick Santorum in the battle for the Republican presidential nomination. It was the latest in a string of must-win industrial state contests for the front-runner.

Romney held a second advantage as well, this one in the competition for Illinois delegates to the party convention next summer. Santorum was ineligible for 10 of the 54 at stake after failing to field a full slate.

Neither Newt Gingrich nor Ron Paul campaigned extensively in the state.

Romney and Santorum did, though, and not always in respectful tones.

"Senator Santorum has the same economic lightweight background the president has," Romney said at one point. "We're not going to replace an economic lightweight with another economic lightweight."

Santorum had a tart reply. "If Mitt Romney's an economic heavyweight, we're in trouble."

Including Romney's victory last weekend in Puerto Rico, the former Massachusetts governor had 522 delegates going into the Illinois voting, according to The Associated Press count. Santorum had 252, Gingrich 136 and Paul 50. If Romney continues on the same pace, he will lock up the nomination before the convention opens in Tampa, Fla., next August.

However, the Santorum campaign argued Tuesday that the race for delegates is closer than that.

Santorum contends the Republican National Committee at the convention will force Florida and Arizona to allocate their delegates on a proportional basis instead of winner-take-all as the state GOP decided. Romney won both states.

As Illinois Republicans voted on Tuesday, Romney raised more than \$1.3 million at a luncheon in Chicago. He planned an election-night event in nearby Schaumburg, Ill., while Santorum was in Gettysburg, Pa., site of Illinois favorite son Abraham Lincoln's most famous speech.

## Feds probe teen's shooting by watch captain

By Curt Anderson  
The Associated Press

SANFORD, Fla. — An unarmed black teenager shot to death by a neighborhood watch captain told his girlfriend he was being followed shortly before the confrontation that killed him, a lawyer said Tuesday as federal and state prosecutors announced they would investigate.

"Oh he's right behind me, he's right behind me again," 17-year-old Trayvon Martin told his girlfriend on his cellphone, the Martin family's attorney said.

The girl later heard Martin say, "Why are you following me?" Another man asked, "What are you doing around here?" attorney Benjamin Crump said.

The phone call that recorded Martin's final moments was disclosed as the U.S. Justice Department opened a federal civil rights probe into the Feb. 26 shooting and the local prosecutor convened a grand jury to investigate.

The neighborhood watch captain, George Zimmerman, has not been charged and has said he shot Martin, who was returning to a gated community in Sanford after buying candy at a convenience store, in self-defense after Martin attacked him. Police say Zimmerman is white; his family says he is Hispanic.

The case has ignited racial tensions in this Orlando suburb of 53,500 people, sparking rallies and a protest in Gov. Rick Scott's office on Tuesday. The Rev. Al Sharpton is joining Sanford city leaders at a town hall meeting later Tuesday to discuss the investigation.

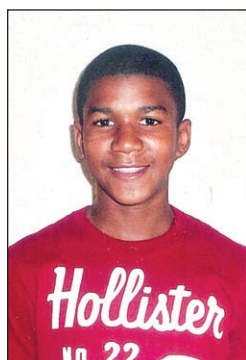
Police say Zimmerman was bleeding from his nose and the back of his head, and told police he had yelled out for help before he shot Martin.

Crump told reporters Tuesday it was Martin who cried out when a man bearing a 9mm handgun came at him.

Martin called his 16-year-old girlfriend in Miami several times

on Feb. 26, including just before the shooting, Crump said. The discovery of the lengthy conversations, including one moments before the shooting, was made over the weekend by Martin's father by checking his son's cell phone log, Crump said.

"She absolutely blows Zimmerman's absurd self-defense claim out of the water," Crump said of Martin's girlfriend, whose name was withheld.



Trayvon Martin

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VIEWPOINT

# Re-enfranchising students

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has been busy lately. With the redistricting battle temporarily settled — though the final outcome is still uncertain — the attorney general’s office filed several other suits against the federal government. Last week, Abbott challenged the constitutionality of the government’s refusal to fund the Texas Women’s Health Program if the state excludes Planned Parenthood. Also last week, Texas’ controversial Voter ID law passed last year, was rejected for preclearance by the Department of Justice. In response, the attorney general’s office filed suit arguing that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, the same provision responsible for the redistricting headaches, is unconstitutional.

The Voter ID law passed by the Legislature last session would require voters to present a state-issued photographic ID card in order to vote in elections. Acceptable forms of ID include state drivers licenses and concealed handgun licenses but notably do not include student ID cards issued by state universities. If the law had gone into effect as planned, students wanting to vote in the May 29 primary would have needed to present an acceptable ID, presenting a problem for many out-of-state students and others without driver’s licenses unaware of the law.

Though the implementation plan included a voter education campaign, the state seems to have done little in that regard. Moreover, the added requirements of the voter ID law would have further complicated an already uncertain and confusing election cycle which has included multiple changes of dates and districts. The Justice Department’s blocking of the law means that it will not be in effect for the May 29 primary. Their move is welcome as it will likely reduce the chances voters will be turned away at the polls for being unaware of an increasingly dizzying array of last-minute changes to the process.

# Hotspot-light on homelessness



By Heba Dafashy  
Daily Texan Columnist

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear “Homeless Hotspots at South by Southwest?” My initial thought was, “Is SXSW actually advertising where homeless people are hanging out during the conference?” Surprisingly, my thought was not too far from the truth.

Last week, many at SXSW used the phrase “Homeless Hotspots” to describe homeless people who carried Wi-Fi hotspots around the city. A New York-based advertisement agency, BBH, initiated this seemingly unorthodox project to equip the Austin area’s homeless with 4G Wi-Fi devices to offer internet to the public at SXSW. The company paid the homeless participants \$20 per day, while the public gave a donation to use the service. The campaign gained national attention and left many wondering whether the idea is a genius one or just another ploy to take advantage of the homeless.

The answer is neither. One side of the debate says that BBH took these vulnerable homeless people and turned them into walking, talking advertisements for a company that does not actually care for them or their future. These critics claim that the program is just one large marketing gimmick that exploits homeless people. One opponent even said that it seemed like digital colonialism.

Although this view seems to be the common immediate response to the program, the history of this advertising company adds some complexity. Homeless Hotspots is not the first homeless campaign that BBH has run. One of its past efforts included giving homeless people in New York City cell phones and Twitter accounts to share their stories through social media. Their previous actions suggest that the claim that this company does not truly care about the homeless may not be well supported.

Others argue that this program actually helps the homeless. Instead of looking at it as exploitation, these proponents perceive the campaign as a business deal where homeless people, who would not typically be employed, have the opportunity to carry out a service for the week. Those supporting the program also argue that the campaign not only gives jobs to the homeless but also allows them to share their stories with others. For example, when a SXSW attendee stops to use a Homeless Hotspot, they must first stand close to the homeless person and second, engage in a conversation to receive the Wi-Fi password. This gives the homeless an opportunity share their personal story with those they encounter. By sharing their stories, homeless people become more relatable to others, which helps discourage those unfamiliar with homeless populations from dismissing them as merely “homeless people” and instead seeing them as individuals who could potentially become friends.

Despite the innovation of Homeless Hotspots, there are some aspects to the campaign that are unsettling. First, the term “Homeless Hotspots” markets humans as electronic Wi-Fi providers. Instead of empowering homeless people by this program, the name implies that the homeless will be exploited to provide the service. Second, the program offers a short-term solution to a long-term problem. This isn’t to say that short-term solutions are always a bad thing, but it’s more than reasonable to assume that most of the homeless that participated in the program will go back to living their ordinary lives after all the publicity and SXSW buzz dies down.

Although the ingenuity of the program is debatable, the issue deserved the attention it received in the media. These conversations bring to light a problem that is rarely discussed yet present in every major city. Instead of using the controversy to criticize one company, the momentum of this topic should be used to bring real solutions to an ongoing problem.

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Stephanie Eisner | Daily Texan Staff

# The lawsuit that keeps on giving



By Kayla Oliver  
Daily Texan Columnist

Madison Gardner and running mate Antonio Guevara got back on the executive alliance ballot Monday when dean of students Sonia Reagins-Lilly announced the suspension of the election code provision against candidates associating with one another. Their reinstatement is likely to only intensify the ad hominem attacks and cries of class warfare that opponents have leveled against Gardner since he filed a lawsuit against the University at the end of last month. Although the mixed reactions to Gardner’s out-of-court settlement and personal attacks against him and Guevara certainly generate entertaining rhetoric, candidates and the student body alike continue to ignore the gravest implications of the suit: voter apathy, a scarcity of future candidates and damage to the reputation of Student Government.

I should include as a disclaimer that I initially supported Gardner’s pursuit of legal action in response to what I saw as an unfair disqualification that revealed an undue focus on election code minutiae. The Election Supervisory Board’s decision implied that a simple oversight with regard to campaign materials merits the same punishment as the impersonation of a University official, the offense for which the Yaman and Whitney campaign was disqualified. However, as the drama wore on I began to question the wisdom of the lawsuit not only on legal grounds

but also out of concern for the suit’s effects on subsequent elections and on SG itself. The contention and conflict that have become synonymous with SG elections over the past few years will not be quelled by Gardner’s reinstatement. Instead, they continue to threaten the validity of this election and deter potential candidates who do not wish to face such stringent regulations and high-profile controversy.

Although the Gardner campaign is celebrating the reinstatement as a vindication of its grievances, for the past few weeks the remaining candidates, John Lawler and Thor Lund, have capitalized on the negative publicity surrounding the suit to launch populist appeals and paint themselves as “everyman” alternatives to Gardner’s purported financial hegemony. Public opinion is difficult to gauge, but it seems that even if Gardner and Guevara manage to win the election, the dark shadow of the controversial lawsuit and deleterious portraits that it has inspired would overshadow their term in office and undermine their credibility.

The Gardner scandal’s ramifications, however, extend far beyond the current election. Gardner himself admitted in a Daily Texan interview that the postponement is likely to decrease voter turnout. The greater the controversy and the longer the wait, the less interested students will be in tracking new developments. Indeed, the postponement of the executive alliance race appears to have already discouraged students; voter turnout was down significantly from last

year for the other SG races that were held on schedule. Eliminating the highest-profile race from the ballot apparently discouraged students from voting in the other races, potentially altering the results. It remains to be seen whether the widely publicized contention over Gardner’s lawsuit and subsequent restoration to the ballot has sparked voter interest in the race or only increased apathy toward what likely seems to the average student an increasingly distant and bloody-minded Student Government.

Gardner’s ordeal may also deter students from running for SG positions. Regardless of its validity, the court battle may discourage future presidential hopefuls for whom the costs of public scrutiny, campaign micromanagement and the potential for real legal disputes outweigh the benefits of an SG title. Gardner’s reinstatement is unlikely to silence those fears for many potential candidates, as, admittedly, it was accomplished through Gardner’s uncommon financial ability to hire an attorney.

Though the battle has moved out of the Travis County courthouse, it rages on in the court of public opinion and continues to deter both voters and potential candidates. In the absence of a judge’s ruling, we can only hope that this heated dispute will spur a reexamination of SG election procedures and lead to reforms to make candidacy more accessible and less intimidating.

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# City jobs face hardships hiring, keeping workers

By Bobby Blanchard  
Daily Texan Staff

Working a government job does not have to be mundane. At least, that is the hope of city managers like Steve Norwood who are fighting to hire and retain the best employees.

Norwood, the city manager of Round Rock, spoke to students Tuesday afternoon about recent changes in the field of city management. The event was hosted by Citizens for Local and State Service, a student organization on campus that focuses on familiarizing students with working for and with the government. This was the second in a three-part series.

"In the past, usually the Lyndon B. Johnson School [of Public Affairs] offers a course that is taught by a city manager," said student leader of CLASS Audra Teinert. "Since we didn't have that course this semester, we collaborated with some people in administration to host this three-part series."

Norwood said people now change jobs more than in the past and is working to make Round Rock an appealing place to work in order to keep employees. As an employer, Norwood said he is not competing for employees from other city governments, but from companies like Apple, Dell and other private companies.

"That market of employees and that pipeline of employees is getting smaller and smaller," Norwood said. "I want to keep the good ones. I want to track the good ones, but I also want to keep them."

Norwood said cities have trouble putting themselves out on the job market as appealing employers.

"Cities are doing an awful job marketing themselves and promoting themselves as a career, as a place to work," Norwood said.

Norwood said a part of retaining employees is the city keeping up with advancements in technology.

"People want to see everything online, and it's not laptops anymore," Norwood said. "Everyone has their iPhone, and they're getting instant gratification."

Norwood said cities that do not keep up with technology risk falling behind and losing relevance.

"If people don't feel like there is a soul or a spirit there, then they are going to go somewhere else," Norwood said.

But, Norwood said cities should not change too fast or else they risk their goal of retaining employees.

"We all hate when the cable companies change the channels, and people don't like change," Noorwood said. "By and large, it has got to be slow."

Public affairs graduate student Elizabeth Joseph, who went to the event, said she took particular interest in how cities are working to keep employees from leaving for private sector jobs.

"Students in the LBJ school love what we do, but there are some private sector options that are appealing," Joseph said. "It's just good to hear that the public sector is working to keep bright students in government."

Austin's city manager Marc Ott will speak at the next and last event in the series on Tuesday, April 17 at 12:15 in room 3.122 in Sid Richardson Hall.

**"If people don't feel like there is a soul or a spirit there, then they are going to go somewhere else."**

— Steve Norwood, city manager

## CROSSING THE DIVIDE



A women pushes a stroller across a stream of runoff water next to Austin High School on Tuesday morning. Much of Travis County received about three inches of rain Monday night and Tuesday morning, according to the LCRA. The storms could bring levels in Lake Travis up five feet over the next week.

Maria Arrellaga  
Daily Texan Staff

# Job seekers asked for Facebook passwords

By Manuel Valdez & Shannon McFarland  
The Associated Press

When Justin Bassett interviewed for a new job, he expected the usual questions about experience and references. So he was astonished when the interviewer asked for something else: his Facebook username and password.

Bassett, a New York City statistician, had just finished answering a few character questions when the interviewer turned to her computer to search for his Facebook page. But she couldn't see his private profile. She turned back and asked him to hand over his login information.

Bassett refused and withdrew his application, saying he didn't want to work for a company that would seek such personal information. But as the job market steadily improves, other job candidates are confronting the same question from prospective employers, and some of them cannot afford to say no.

"It's akin to requiring someone's house keys," said Orin Kerr, a George Washington University law professor and former federal prosecutor who calls it "an egregious privacy violation."

Questions have been raised about the legality of the practice, which is also the focus of proposed legislation in Illinois and Maryland that would forbid public agencies from asking for access to social networks.

Companies that don't ask for passwords have taken other steps — such as asking applicants to friend human resource managers or to log in to a company computer during an interview. Once employed, some workers have been required to sign non-disparagement agreements that ban them from talking negatively about an employer on social media.

Asking for a candidate's password is more prevalent among public agencies, especially those seeking to fill law enforcement positions such as police officers or 911 dispatchers.

Back in 2010, Robert Collins was

returning to his job as a security guard at the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services after taking a leave following his mother's death. During a reinstatement interview, he was asked for his login and password, purportedly so the agency could check for any gang affiliations. He was stunned by the request but complied.

"I needed my job to feed my family. I had to," he recalled,

After the ACLU complained about the practice, the agency amended its policy, asking instead for job applicants to log in during interviews.

"To me, that's still invasive. I can appreciate the desire to learn more about the applicant, but it's still a violation of people's personal privacy," said Collins, whose case inspired Maryland's legislation.

And since 2006, the McLean County, Ill., sheriff's office has been one of several Illinois sheriff's departments that ask applicants to sign into social media sites to be screened.

Chief Deputy Rusty Thomas de-

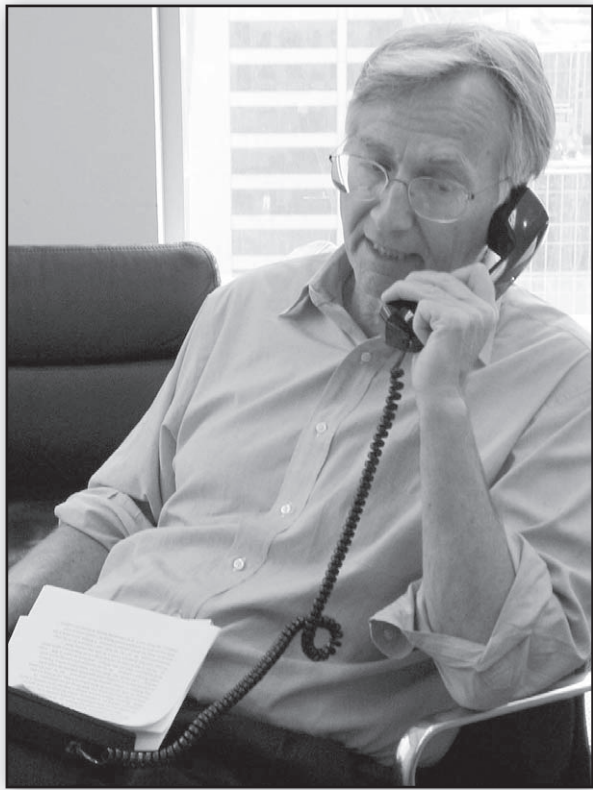
fended the practice, saying applicants have a right to refuse. But no one has ever done so. Thomas said that "speaks well of the people we have apply."

When asked what sort of material would jeopardize job prospects, Thomas said "it depends on the situation" but could include "inappropriate pictures or relationships with people who are underage, illegal behavior."

Giving out Facebook login information violates the social network's terms of service. But those terms have no real legal weight, and experts say the legality of asking for such information remains murky.

The Department of Justice regards it as a federal crime to enter a social networking site in violation of the terms of service, but during recent congressional testimony, the agency said such violations would not be prosecuted.

Neither Facebook nor Twitter responded to repeated requests for comment.



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Psychology and philosophy senior Paulina Sosa is one of 50 national finalists competing for the chance to travel to Africa this summer with the anti-poverty groups Chegg for Good and ONE. Twenty will head to Washington, D.C. and only eight will be chosen for the final trip.

# Contest finalist hopes to intern in Africa, create change

By Alexa Ura  
Daily Texan Staff

A UT student empowering others through her work against poverty is vying for a chance to take her cause to Africa.

Philosophy and psychology senior Paulina Sosa is a finalist for an Are You the One? internship, a program launched by anti-poverty advocacy group ONE and Chegg for Good. Sosa is one of 50 college students across the nation competing for the opportunity to attend the ONE Power Summit in Washington, D.C., in April and travel to Africa this summer.

Sosa, ONE's Austin congressional district leader, said she wants to be part of the program because it will allow interns direct interaction with poor African communities that are benefitting from advocacy work abroad.

"I would be able to see the impact ONE's advocacy work is hav-

ing in the area," she said. "The program will provide us a better understanding of what we are actually advocating for."

A Facebook contest will allow voters to choose 20 interns to go to the summit, and based on their performances in Washington, D.C., the top eight interns will be chosen to go to Africa. The voting period ends tonight.

ONE campus program director Matt Higginson said the program was formed to reach out to college students through their partnership with Chegg. The program will provide students the opportunity to further their advocacy work and encourage them to continue pushing their efforts, he said.

"College students are not future advocates, but instead already have a powerful political voice," he said. "We just provide the platform for them to have their issues heard."

Higginson said Sosa was an integral part in the creation of the ONE Campaign Student Chapter on campus and is a leader in the Austin community.

Sosa's interest in advocacy against poverty began when she was 13 years old during a mission trip to Mexico. Her group visited a poor community where a young girl's gratitude for a simple bag of candy impacted her life.

"Her smile changed everything," Sosa said. "That's when my desire to fight poverty began."

Sosa is a UT Service Scholar and actively works in the community through ONE. She said her main goal is to help others by understanding the development of ideas and individuals who come from various backgrounds.

"I want to help create a dialogue on what's going on locally and globally," she said. "I

want to understand the impact of an individual's background on the evolution of their ideas to better help them."

Sosa currently interns for Austin's division of community engagement where she is spearheading the creation of the Austin Youth Council, a city initiative to connect young adults with local issues.

Larry Schooler, community engagement consultant for the city of Austin, said Sosa's work has been beneficial to the division through the creation of the council.

"It's rare to give someone her age the reins to create something from the ground up at a city level," Schooler said. "But it's only one of the reasons I think she's destined to do great things whether with this program or elsewhere."

Schooler said Sosa's work often inspires others to become involved and empowers individuals in the community.

Sosa said she had never realized how her advocacy work could empower others besides herself until lately. She wants to use her work to show others how to advocate in a society she said is all about numbers.

"Our society works through a government where elected officials need to believe that a large number of constituents care," Sosa said. "Every voice, even individually, helps add to the ability to make a political impact that will eventually lead to communal change."

# Study finds troubling rate of university matriculation

By Sylvia Butanda  
Daily Texan Staff

A new study shows four out of five eighth-grade students in Texas will not go on to complete college degrees after high school graduation.

The Houston Endowment foundation collaborated with the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems to conduct a study which found that only one in five eighth-graders enrolled in Texas public schools earned postsecondary education credentials within six years of their expected high school graduation date.

Dominic Chavez, spokesman for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said despite the study's results, the state needs its students to complete their postsecondary education.

"We have a long way to go if we're going to have the type of economy that will keep Texas competitive," Chavez said. "Future jobs require higher levels of education, and we have to make sure that students in our education pipelines are actually making it through high school and completing their degrees and goals."

The study focused on the educational trajectory of public school students in Texas who started eighth grade in 1996, 1997 and 1998. Eleven years after their eighth grade year, only 19.9 percent of students had earned a bachelor's degree, associate degree or certificate, according to the report.

Chavez said THECB and the Texas Education Agency have been working together on a couple of initiatives to inspire middle and high school students to attend college and prepare them for a higher education.

"These efforts are trying to reach down into high schools and middle schools to create a culture of being college and career ready," Chavez said. "We hope it will inspire students that postsecondary education is what you'll need to be successful."

With the plan to increase students' interest in college, THECB and TEA hope to increase the University's 52 percent four-year graduation rate.

"Even though the graduation rate can be improved, when you take UT out of the equation, there are other Texas universities with graduation rates far below these numbers," Chavez said. "However, we still have a long way to go to improve the entire education pipeline."

Lisa Valdez, First-Year Experience program coordinator, said middle and high school students visiting UT have a chance to see that attending college is right for them.

"It's more about showing them that all students have the opportunity to come to the University and tell them the opportunities they have here on campus," Valdez said.

Valdez said the First-year Interest Groups, or FIGs, help freshmen have a successful first semester that will motivate them to continue and complete their college education.

"We know if students can find their place here on campus and have a great first year, we can retain them in the long term," Chavez said. Journalism freshman Kiera Dieter, who worked hard to get into the University despite financial and personal setbacks, said the study's grim findings can be improved by the University's efforts to reach out to these students.

Dieter, who dealt with alcoholic parents throughout middle school and high school, said she was inspired to do her best in school because she wanted do something with her life, and feels middle school students need to be told how important college is for their future.

"Junior and high school students should be inspired to be great no matter where they have come from and will try hard to achieve success," Dieter said.

**“We have a long way to go if we’re going to have the type of economy that will keep Texas competitive.”**

— Dominic Chavez, Texas Higher Education spokesman

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# Strong team effort continues winning streak

By Christian Corona  
Daily Texan Staff

Billy Beane would be proud.

The Longhorns' increasingly uncanny ability to get on base recently would certainly impress the Oakland Athletics general manager, who was played by Brad Pitt in "Moneyball." Texas head coach Augie Garrido had his team watch the Oscar-nominated film on the way back from a three-game sweep of Oklahoma, and the Longhorns took the lesson to heart.

The team picked up right where they left off, getting on base 21 times in 43 plate appearances as every member of the starting lineup reached base and all but one reached base at least twice, including sophomore right fielder Mark Payton, who has now reached base in 19 consecutive contests. Texas drew five walks, racked up eight hits and was hit by a pitch five times.

"When you're getting on in a lot of different ways, it puts pressure on the defense. We can steal from time to time, we can run a hit-and-run. You're creating so many more opportunities," Garrido said. "I'm very impressed with the team being able to come out and play against the game and not care about the opponent."

Meanwhile, the Texas pitching staff did not surrender a hit until the fifth inning or a run until a seventh-inning solo home run by pinch-hitter Chris Hernandez. Freshman Dillon Peters picked up his first win of the season as the Longhorns (11-8, 3-0) extended their winning streak to six games with a 9-1 triumph over Stephen F. Austin (7-13, 2-4) at UFCU Disch-Falk Field Tuesday night.

"[Peters] pitched very well," Garrido said. "We were anxious to get back home to this game on a mound that he's comfortable with, with a team that's doing well and scoring runs, playing a high level of defense behind him — this is the best environment that we could have put him in and he capitalized."

Texas turned in a solid offensive performance but the Lumberjacks did not do themselves any favors defensively. After a leadoff single by freshman Brooks Marlow in the second inning, Alex Silver hit a ground ball through the second baseman's glove on a hit-and-run play before sophomore catcher Jacob Felts hit a soft comebacker that got past both

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Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Dillion Peters earned the win last night after pitching three innings. He allowed one baserunner on a walk and fanned four. The pitching staff did not allow a hit until the fifth inning and the only run was off a solo home run in the seventh inning.

## Leadoff hitters help with offensive effort

By Chris Hummer  
Daily Texan Staff

When the leadoff hitter reaches base, it can spark an offensive run.

The Longhorns were a perfect example of that last night against Stephen F. Austin, as the offense had the leadoff man reach base five out of eight innings and, as a result, the team exploded for nine runs.

The offense's job is made easier when the leadoff hitter reaches base. It allows the Longhorns to play to their strengths: small ball and moving runners with a combination of smartly placed bunts and hit-and-runs.

Before the Oklahoma series last weekend, the Longhorns were struggling to get their leadoff hitters on the base path and the offense was faltering. However, in

that series the team got on base in 20 of 30 leadoff chances, leading to the team breaking out for 25 runs over the weekend.

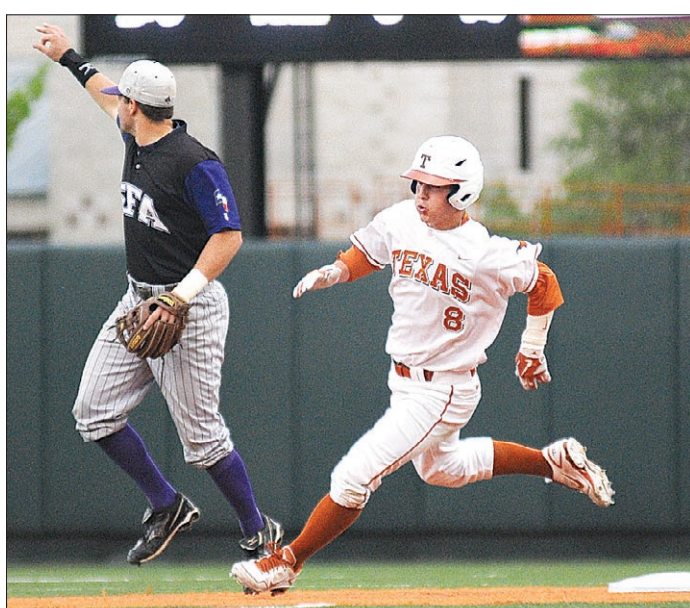
"It's all because we're getting the leadoff guy on," said head coach Augie Garrido. "At one point this season, we had 27 innings and got the leadoff hitter on twice. Now we're getting the leadoff hitter on six or seven times a game and that is where it starts."

The results are easy to see.

In the first and fifth innings, where the Texas leadoff batter failed to reach base, the Longhorns failed to push a runner across the plate.

However, in the second, third and fourth, the leadoff hitter managed to find his way to first base, leading to a combined six

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Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

Second baseman Brooks Marlow went 2-for-3 during Texas' win.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS



Rebecca Howeth | Daily Texan Staff

Senior Krista Damico recorded three wins last week, one of them over a ITA top-20 opponent. She has not lost a match since Jan. 21. She and the Longhorns will take on Illinois today.

## Resilience vital in Texas' recent victories

By Matt Warden  
Daily Texan Staff

Another game, set, match and the Longhorns are sitting comfortably at the No. 9 spot in the ITA women's college tennis poll. Coming off a pair of wins to start conference play, the team aims to top Illinois.

Under coach Patty Fendick-McCain, the Longhorns hold a 9-4 record overall, including a 2-0 record

in conference play. All of their matches except three have been played against top 25 teams.

Victories over such schools as Vanderbilt, North Carolina and Michigan have solidified the women's spot as one of the top teams in the country. As impressive as their wins have been, the women have showed flashes of brilliance even in defeat.

The team's resilience was seen

early on in the season when they dropped their first two matches in the ITA National Indoor Team Championships. But they came back and handily defeat Clemson to close out the tournament.

"I am just really proud of the resilience we showed," Fendick-McCain said. "It is difficult to come back for a third day in a row, much less after

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### WOMEN'S GOLF

## Dubreuil leads Horns with 12th-place finish

By Blake McAdow  
Daily Texan Staff

Last spring, it was junior Madison Pressel. In November, it was senior Nicole Vandermade. Two weeks ago it was junior Haley Stephens. And this week, it was junior Desiree Dubreuil.

Dubreuil had her best tournament since coming to Texas, bursting onto the scene to finish a career best of 12th overall at the Battle at Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego. After starting Tuesday's final round with a bogey on the first hole and four bogeys overall, Dubreuil stayed calm, finishing two birdies over the final seven holes to match her Monday total of 2-over-par.

The experienced Longhorns have had stellar showings individually but have failed to put together a very strong collective effort this spring. Dubreuil became the third different golfer to lead Texas this season. Texas finished 10th overall as a team, shooting 41-over-par, and 27 shots behind winner and third-ranked USC.

"As a team, I look at what we need to work on collectively as a group," said head coach Martha Richards. "I know they were frustrated and played

hard the whole time."

In November, Vandermade won the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational, and soared to a top 10 ranking nationally following three top-10 finishes on the season. Coming into San Diego this week, Vandermade looked to capitalize on a familiar course where she had a strong tournament last year.

"[Last year] she managed her game really well, and this golf course allows her to have an advantage on the par 5s and a couple of the longer par 4s," Richards said.

However, it was not Vandermade's week, birdying only two of the 36 holes. Pressel finished strong down the stretch, grabbing two consecutive birdies to finish three strokes better than the first round.

The conditions were decent at best following heavy showers over the weekend, causing strong winds and wet greens.

"Everyone needs to work a lot on their short game," Richards said. "It's not that our short games are bad, but they just haven't been good enough to help us."

Texas heads out west again in about two weeks for their final tournament of the regular season in Tempe, Ariz.

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Justin Tucker

@jtuck9

"blasted away today! hopefully enough to prove I'm the best K in this draft, looking forward to late April til then! #hookem

### SPORTS BRIEFLY

#### Holland signs five-year contract with Rangers, avoids free agency

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Derek Holland wanted to ensure his long-term future with the Texas Rangers, so he agreed to a \$28.5 million, five-year contract rather than wait to become a free agent.

The deal, announced Tuesday, calls for salaries of \$1 million this year, \$3.2 million next year, \$5.4 million in 2014, \$7.4 million in 2015 and \$10 million in 2016.

He would have been eligible for free agency after the 2015 season.

"I know I gave up that stuff, the three years, but to me it's all about being in Texas and wearing that Texas uniform and going back and getting some championships," the 25-year-old left-hander said. "I'm very excited to be a part of this. We've got an unbelievable team. We've got upcoming stars coming up through the organization, and I want to be part of that, as well. I want to show them what it takes to be up here. That's my main objective is to carry out what I've been doing, continue to work hard."

Holland was 16-5 last season, the most wins for Texas among players under 25. He pitched two-hit ball over 8 1-3 shutout innings against St. Louis in Game 4 of the World Series and is 3-0 with a 3.82 ERA in 12 postseason appearances during the past two years.

— Associated Press

### LONGHORNS IN THE NBA

Kevin Durant  
18 points (6-22 FG), 6 rebounds



LaMarcus Aldridge  
21 points (7-11 FG), 12 rebounds





# ILLINOIS

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two tough losses. All I can say is I am just really proud of the girls.”

The team has been on a roll following these tough defeats. In their most recent games, they have compiled a 6-1 record and proved that not even losses can slow them down. The lone loss in this period came at the hands of USC. The Longhorns battled the Trojans, but lost by a 4-3 margin.



“They played really well against us, and that is a credit to them,” Fendick-McCain said. “I did like how we fought back in the last three matches, as it is one of those situations where we could have lost the match and let it snowball into a 7-0 loss.”

At this point in the season, senior Krista Damico has emerged as a big star for the Longhorns. Damico was recently named Big 12 women’s tennis player of the week after compiling three victories last week, including one over an ITA top 20 opponent. Damico has not lost since the season opener, which puts her at 10 consecutive victories to date.

All-American Aerial Ellis also continues to produce big wins in singles competition. She has had two victories over top 20 opponents and one against the No. 2 ranked player in the nation. Ellis is currently ranked as the No. 24 player in the nation in singles competition.

Veterans of this Longhorn squad aren’t the only women producing this year, as underclassmen have stepped up tremendously to support the team’s stars. Freshman Noel Scott has had a brilliant season thus far, posting 14 singles victories and currently sitting at No. 122 in singles competition. Freshman Lina Padegimaite has also performed well, boasting eight singles victories to only four losses.

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## NFL



Peyton Manning signed a five-year, \$96 million deal. Manning, who will turn 36 on Saturday, will likely retire in Denver.

John Leyba  
The Denver Post

# Manning officially heading to Denver

By Arnie Stapleton  
The Associated Press

DENVER — John Elway flashed that mile-wide grin and turned the microphone over to his new quarterback, Peyton Manning.

Introducing Manning as the newest Denver Bronco on Tuesday, the two Super Bowl winners each talked about hoisting another Lombardi Trophy, this time together. And soon.

“I realize I don’t have 14 years left, by any means,” Manning said. “This isn’t something where I’m just building a foundation to do something in two years or three years. This is a ‘now’ situation. We’re going to do whatever we can to win right now. That’s all I’m thinking about right now.”

Just so long as Manning’s surgically repaired neck goes along with the plan.

“I believe that he’s got a lot of great football left in him,” Elway said of his new QB. And if that’s true, the Broncos will wind up paying him \$96 million over five years under his new deal.

After holding up his new, bright orange jersey in a photo op with Elway and owner Pat Bowlen, Manning answered many of the questions that have been bouncing around since March 7, when

his old team, the Colts, released him to avoid paying a \$28 million bonus and set in motion one of the most frenetic free-agent pursuits in history.

“I’m not where I want to be. I want to be where I was before I was injured,” Manning said, referring to the neck problem that kept him off the field in 2011 after he’d started every game for the Colts for the previous 13 seasons.

With the new contract in place, Manning plans to retire in Denver.

“I don’t consider it much of a risk, knowing Peyton Manning,” Elway said. “I asked him, ‘Is there any doubt in your mind that you can’t get back to the Peyton Manning we know of?’ And he said, ‘There’s no doubt in my mind.’”

Elway’s move to the front office last year set off a whirlwind of activity that landed the Broncos in the playoffs. But to run an NFL offense, to get a title, he wanted Manning.

“My goal is to make Peyton Manning the best quarterback that’s ever played the game,” Elway said, “and he’s got that ability with the football that he’s got left.”

Manning, who turns 36 on Saturday, said he made a quick connection with Elway, who won his two Super Bowls in Denver after his 37th birthday. Since No.

7’s retirement, a long string of 11 quarterbacks have come to Denver, trying in vain to replace the irreplaceable. If anyone can get out of that shadow, Manning could be the man.

He’s got two trips to the Super Bowl and one title, 11 Pro Bowls and was the fastest player to reach 50,000 yards and 4,000 completions. His first TD toss for Denver will be his 400th.

The new face of the Broncos stressed that he was ready to work and was planning to stay in town to do so.

Manning even picked up a playbook Tuesday, but the offense crafted for and by him will be drastically changed from the option-heavy one that Tebow ran in Denver last season. And coaches can’t answer any questions Manning might have until April 16, when offseason programs can begin around the league and he’ll finally be able to work out at Broncos headquarters.

Still, it’s expected he’ll be able to run his kind of offense in Denver. Coach John Fox said he can’t

Elway, general manager Brian Xanders and Fox all said the goal is for Manning to start the Broncos’ first exhibition game in August. That’s Manning’s desire, too.

“I want to be out there every single snap,” Manning said. “Every single play.”

# PETERS

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the pitcher and the second baseman.

Senior designated hitter Kevin Lusson drew a bases-loaded walk, followed by singles from senior second baseman Jordan Etier and sophomore shortstop Christian Summers as the Longhorns took a commanding 3-0 lead.

Another defensive miscue allowed Texas to expand that lead in the following frame as a fly ball hit by Marlow to left-center field was mishandled by Stephen F. Austin left fielder Fola Lajide. Marlow trotted to third base with a triple, and scored later in the inning when Etier beat out a potentially inning-ending double play ball.

“It’s about time that it started falling our way,” said Etier, who went two-for-four Tuesday. “We got some hits that weren’t squared up but just fell in and that’s part of the game.”

Senior center fielder Tim Maitland was hit by a pitch for the 10th and 11th time in the contest and scored both times, beginning in the fourth inning when he was driven in by a sacrifice bunt from Marlow. Sophomore third baseman Erich

Weiss drew a walk in the same frame and scored on a triple by Silver to extend the Longhorns’ lead to 6-0.

Texas tacked on two more runs in the sixth inning — Payton scoring on a wild pitch following a lead-off double and Weiss scoring on an errant throw by the Lumberjacks catcher on a pickoff attempt while he was on third base. Maitland, who was been hit by two more pitches than the entire Stephen F. Austin squad this season, provided another insurance in the seventh inning to cap the game’s scoring.

The Longhorns pitching staff was solid again Tuesday night as Peters began the contest with three innings of no-hit baseball, with a second-inning walk being the only base runner he allowed during his best outing of the year so far. Sophomore pitcher Nathan Thornhill retired the Lumberjacks in order in the fourth inning before freshman Ricky Jacquez held them scoreless in the fifth. Fellow freshman John Curtiss pitched the following three frames, allowing three hits, including a towering solo shot into the Stephen F. Austin bullpen in the seventh inning. Then, Hoby Milner — the fifth and final Longhorns pitcher of the evening — sat the Lumberjacks down in order in the ninth inning.

# OFFENSE

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runs on the scoreboard.

“That’s our offense, finding ways to get the leadoff hitter on [base] and about 75 percent [of the time] or more that runner is going to score with quality at bats,” said sophomore Mark Payton. “That’s our big focus right now, and we’ve been doing that and putting the pressure on the other team.”

The leadoff hitter reaching base also allows the offense to be significantly more aggressive in its play style on the base path, which was a main ingredient in Texas’ recipe for success against SFA.

In the second inning, freshman Brooks Marlow started it off with a single. Almost immediately afterward, the Longhorns called a hit-and-run that was worked to perfection by sophomore Alex Silver, who

sent a sharp ground ball through the right side of the infield allowing Marlow to reach third.

This strategy paid dividends as Marlow went on to score a few batters later, putting Texas on top 1-0 — a lead which they would never relinquish.

“When you’re getting on base in a lot of different ways and you’re advancing runners in a lot of different ways, it puts pressure on the defense,” Garrido said. “When that happens, we can be aggressive and steal from time to time or run a hit-and-run.”

That aggressiveness all stems from the leadoff hitter reaching base and the Longhorns will need the trend to continue if they want to keep playing well.

“We’ve really worked hard to get that leadoff runner on and we did it 5-8 times today, and that’s awesome,” said senior Jordan Etier. “When we do that, it allows us to play our kind of offense, so we just need to keep it up.”

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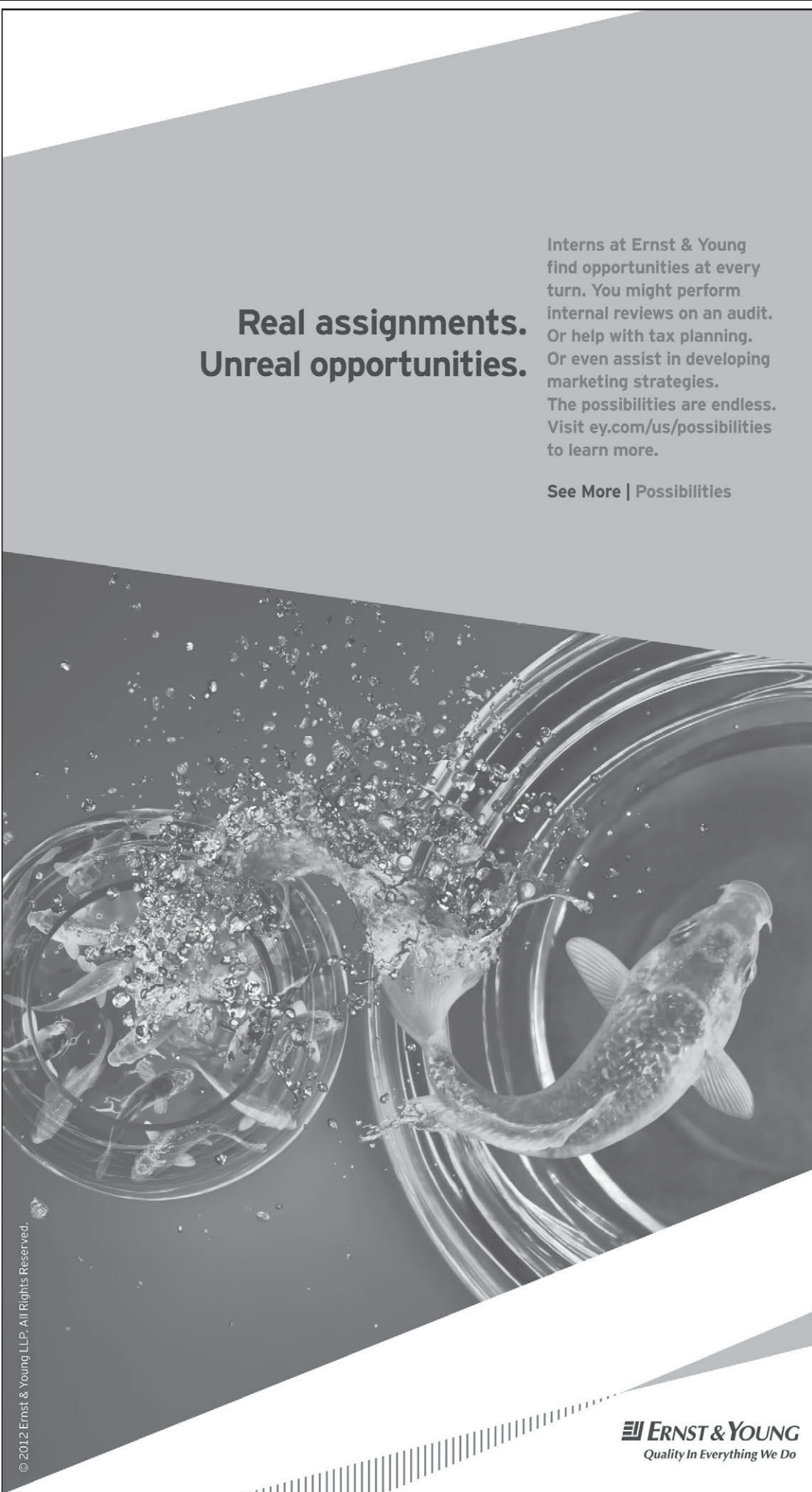


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FOOTBALL

# NFL hopefuls aim to impress scouts at annual pro day

By Lauren Giudice  
Daily Texan Staff

Fourteen Texas athletes showed what they have been working toward for the past four years at Texas' pro day on Tuesday. For Emmanuel Acho, Kheeston Randall and Keenan Robinson, the day was to improve their stock for the NFL Draft on April 26. They, along with injured running back Fozzy Whittaker, attended the NFL combine in February.

But this pro day was also vital for players who weren't invited to the combine, especially safety Blake Gideon, tackle Tray Allen, safety Christian Scott, running back Cody Johnson, center David Snow and kicker Justin Tucker. John Chiles also came back to Austin for pro day. A former New Orleans Saint, he came back to show scouts his potential.

Pro day was especially important for Robinson. Chicago Bears head coach Lovie Smith and linebackers coach Bob Babich came to Austin to see his workouts. Cincinnati Bengals defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer was also in attendance. Robinson performed better at pro day than in the combine and said he jumped an inch higher in the vertical jump and five inches farther in the broad jump.

Robinson isn't sure what round he will be drafted in, but feels he deserves to be wherever he will be picked. He hopes that teams will see him as a big player with the ability to move well in space.

"For me, I think I am right where I need to be," Robinson said. "I did what I did on the field and this offseason. So now we sit back and wait and hope that I get a good situation and a good team."

Linebacker Emmanuel Acho partially tore his quad while running the 40-yard dash at the combine three weeks ago. Trainers told him it would take three to six weeks for him to recover. "I told them I've got three weeks," Acho said. Acho, like Robinson, hopes

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—Keenan Robinson, Linebacker

that scouts will appreciate his versatility. Although Acho would be excited to be a part of any team, he would love to go to the Cardinals and join his brother, Sam. Acho was impressive in his position drills despite not being 100 percent. Sam was in attendance along with other Longhorn alumni like Jordan Shipley, Aaron Williams and David Thomas. Men's basketball guard J'Covan Brown even came to watch fellow Texas athletes while they participated in position drills.

Blake Gideon, although he is not expected to be picked in the draft, had a strong performance. He said he ran the 40-yard dash in 4.58 and 4.56 seconds. Although he was hoping to finish better, he was happy with his overall performance and said it was a huge weight off his shoulders now that pro day is over.

"We train for two-and-a-half months for one day so it was good to see guys come out here and compete," Gideon said. "That's all it is, you come out here and you compete against numbers you already put up and you're competing against each other."

Fozzy Whittaker was very limited in his workouts due to his injury. But he increased his reps from 20 to 23.

"That's the kind of guy he is," Gideon said. "He was only limited to one thing and he still improved that."

Although Whittaker's injury has hurt his chances of being drafted, he never lost hope



Safety Christian Scott runs drills during Texas' annual pro day on Tuesday. Scott, along with 13 other Texas athletes, performed in front of 50 scouts, head coaches and general managers. Scott had an impressive workout and, if drafted, could be a sixth or seventh round pick.

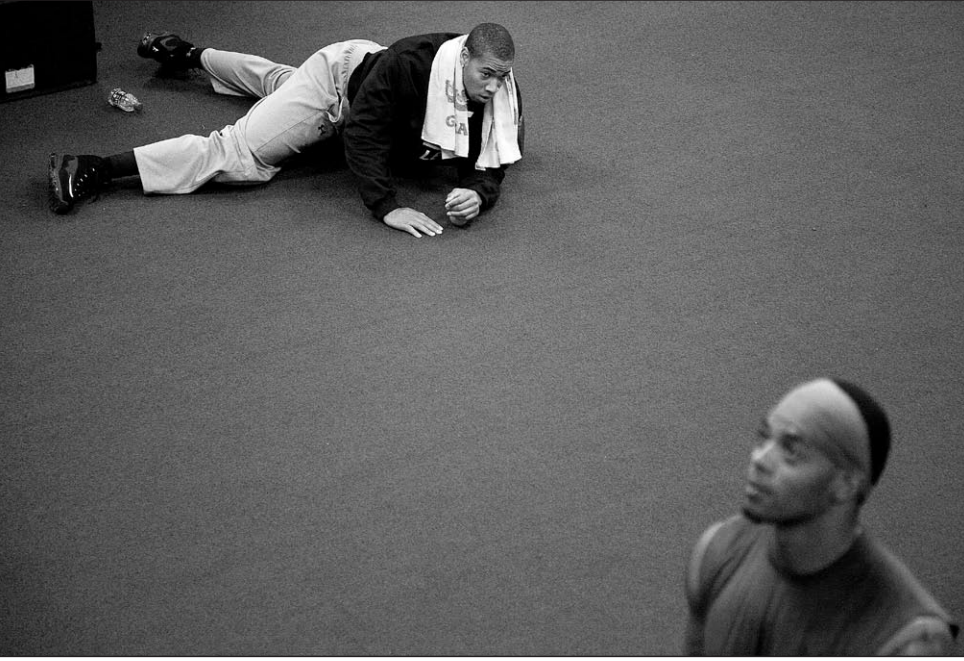
of being drafted. He is ahead of schedule in his rehabilitation and plans to be 100 percent by late summer.

"I've always kept the faith," Whittaker said. "I've always had it in my mind that whatever my mind tells me to do, that's what I can do."

He hopes to impress scouts as a running back, kick returner and punt returner.

"However I can touch the field is how I'm selling myself," Whittaker said.

Although most of the hopefuls on the field on Tuesday will never walk onto the field as NFL players, their time at Texas is coming to an end. At the end of last season, Texas led the NFL with 40 active players. Come April 29, these Longhorns will learn their fate.



Linebacker Keenan Robinson stretches while tight end Ahmard Howard prepares for drills during Texas' pro day. Robinson was also invited to the NFL combine in February.

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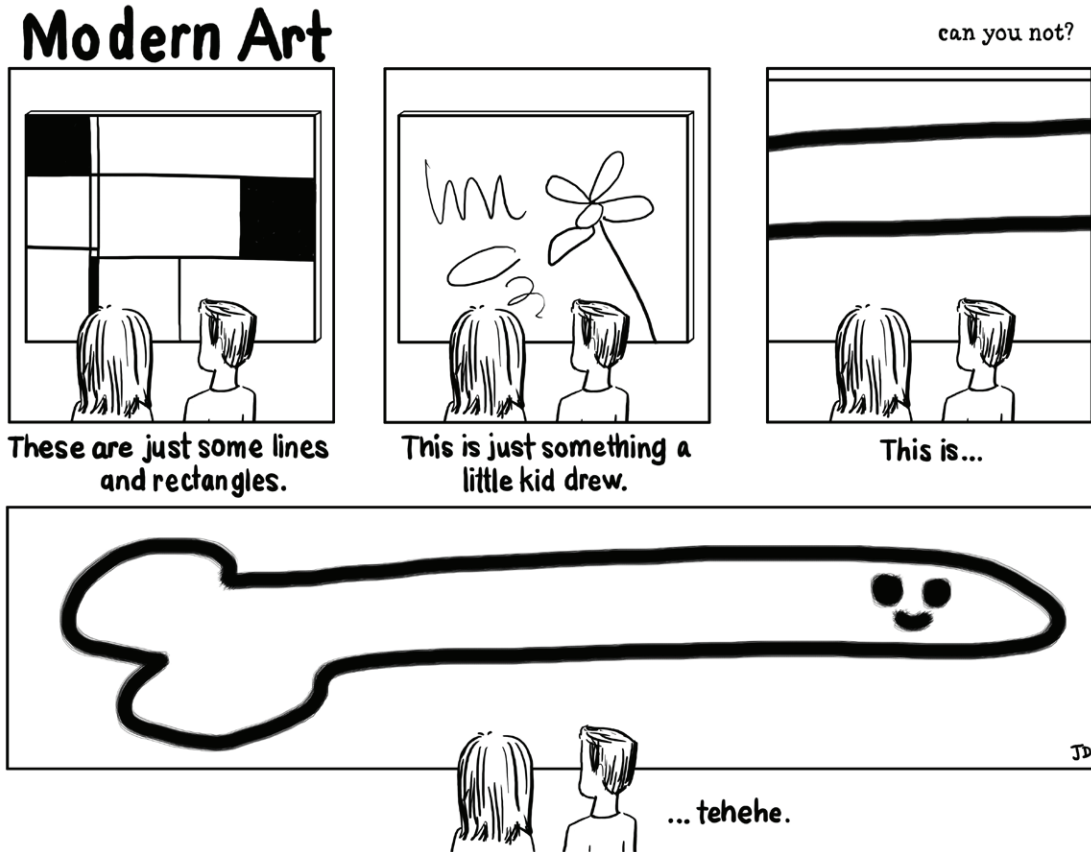
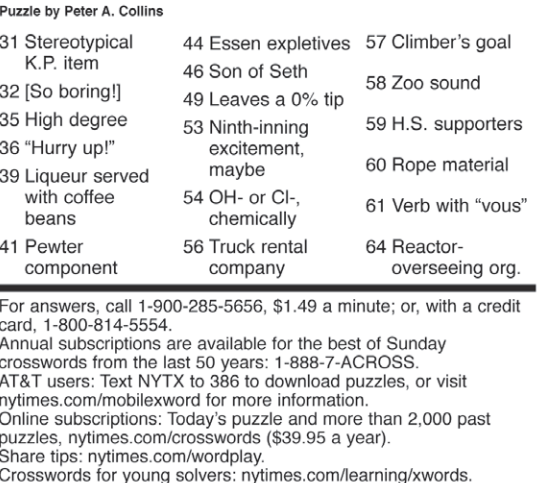
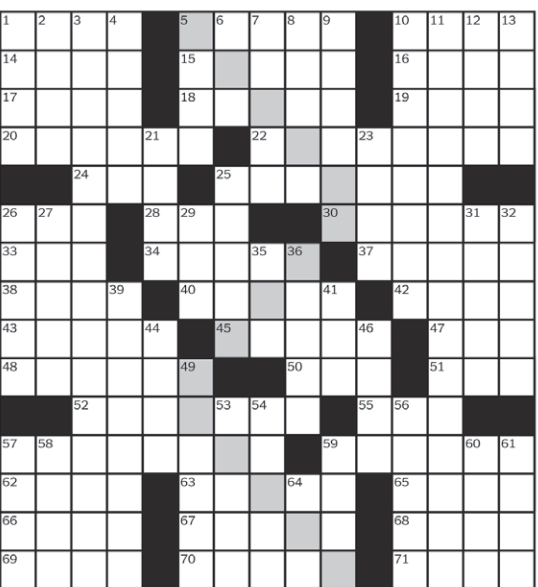
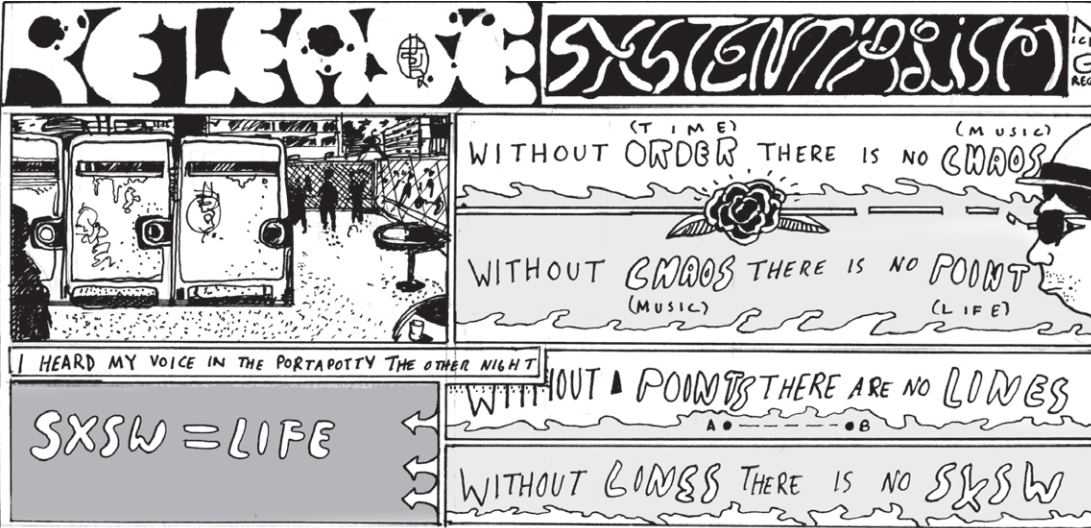
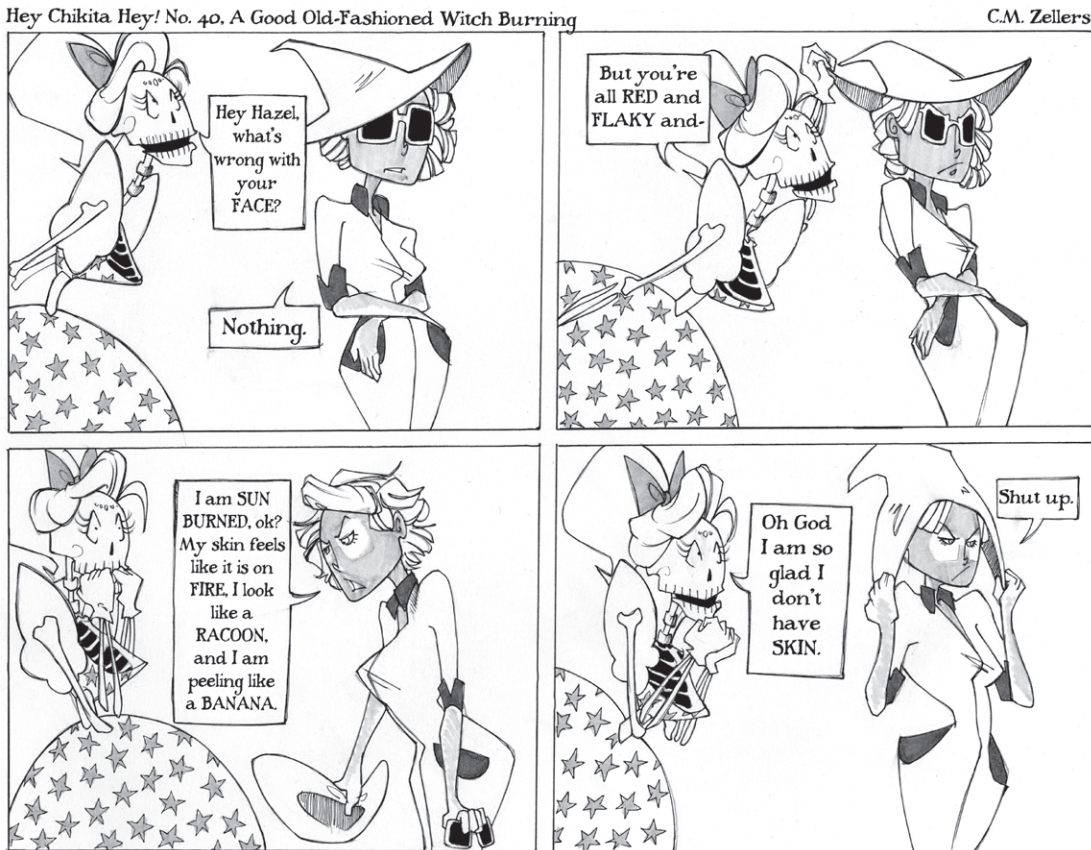
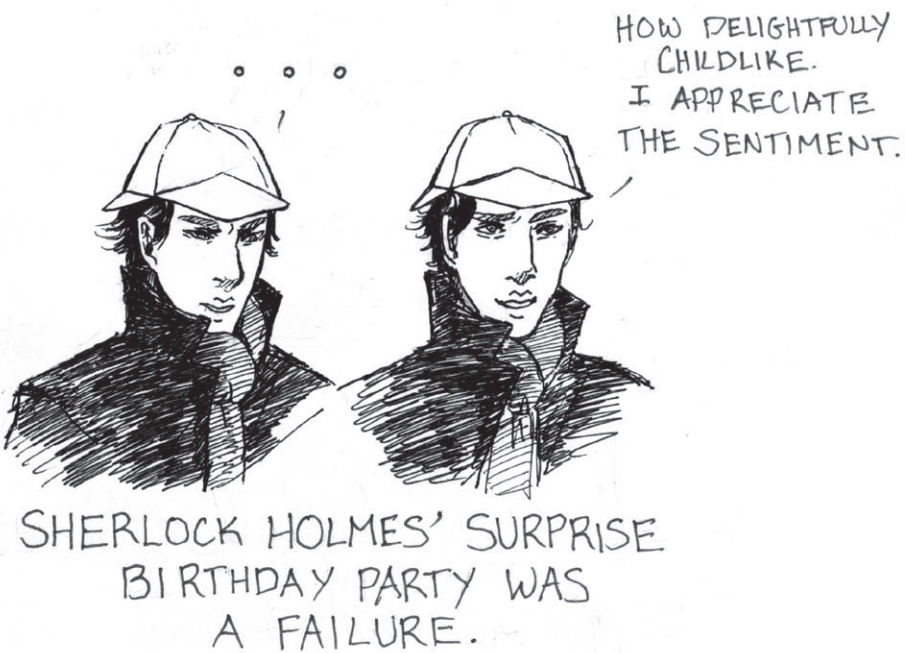
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Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

Dave Franco attends the premiere of “21 Jump Street” held during South By Southwest at the Paramount Theatre Tuesday night. Franco plays the part of a high schooler named Eric Molson.

**Hill:** Those people who are complaining, they haven't seen the movie. What's hilarious is, the best thing our movie has going for it is its extremely low expectations because it's a remake of a television show. They always suck. Ours is good, and that's the twist of the movie, that it's not awful.

**DT:** Channing, was it difficult to keep up with the more experienced comedians on set?

**Tatum:** I don't think you can keep up with these guys. They're truly the elite of what they actually do, but they set a great stage for me to not feel bad about failing and really going for it.

**DT:** Jonah, what was it like getting to do action scenes?

**Hill:** It was fun. I liked it a lot. That's why it was impor-

tant to cast Channing opposite me because, in order for a movie to feel like “Bad Boys” meets a John Hughes movie, you need it to have some action credibility there, and I had never done action movies before, so I don't have credibility in that universe and Channing has done a ton of it and is amazing at it. It was really fun, honestly. There's no other way to put it.

**DT:** It seemed like there were some bits from the trailers that didn't make it into the movie. There was a scene where Channing runs over you with his car and the windshield is smashed.

**Tatum:** That's interesting. We saw a really early cut of the movie. I haven't seen the movie either.

**Hill:** I know there's been a lot of backlash from windshield purists.

MOVIE REVIEW



21 JUMP STREET

Phil Lord and Chris Miller

GENRE | Comedy

RUNTIME | 109 minutes

IF YOU LIKE | “Superbad,” “Knocked Up”

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he created them. Daisey's non-mea culpa shows he just doesn't understand. Memories from a memoir are false if they did not happen; they are simply imagination. A theatre show that describes an existing factory is false if the people and occurrences in the factory do not exist. If Daisey wanted to create action about factory conditions, he should have realized a real, substantial movement is built on the truth. Otherwise, the lie is just waiting to collapse.

According to the producers of “This American Life,” under no circumstances leading up to the airing of the show did Daisey admit to any falsehoods. That's because he understood the only crutch that these concoctions were supported on was that they were real — real factories, real products, real people.

At the end of the day, Daisey's actions are condescending. Like a movie studio that churns out CGI-infested films that are supposedly what audiences want, Daisey believed the truth could not stand alone; that he needed these crazy stories for his show to have an impact.

We as listeners, however, were not necessarily enticed by the segment because it featured his embellished details. We listened be-



Stan Barouh | Associated Press

In this undated image released by The Public Theater, Mike Daisey is shown in a scene from “The Agony and The Ecstasy of Steve Jobs,” in New York.

cause we believed it to be completely true. Daisey fed into this vicious cycle that we would only consume that which is heightened and sensationalized.

But the fervor surrounding the retraction and backlash against Daisey is a rejection of that notion. The iro-

ny is that in fabricating these wild facts and attempting to bring awareness, Daisey instead has brought attention onto himself rather than on factory conditions. He undermined the very issue he supposedly wanted to help.

However, from the “This Amer-

ican Life” retraction episode to the flurry of articles and blog posts, the discussion over this issue is important because it focuses on what we want and need as readers and listeners: to be told the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

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essentially a tale of irrepressible sexual lust raged against an inherent orderly system. It begins when Stan, one of the participants of this experiment, discovers a note discreetly hidden beneath his fridge from one of the “alternates” who inhabits the house during his confinement:

“Darling Max, I can hardly wait till next time. I'm starved for you! I need you so much. XXOO and you know what more — Jasmine.”

After suffering the effects of his monotonous existences and trapped in a unsatisfied marriage (with his wife described as breathing aside him “lightly or heavily depending on what they're doing, or rather on what he's doing”), Stan

ultimately becomes enamored by the fuchsia lipstick stained on the note's creases.

However, despite its ironically self-aware title, “I'm Starved for You” is far from being a trashy romance novel. Between the science and the speculative, the details of Atwood's world are what captivates the reader into believing it to be a tangible, if not extremist, future that's not too far off from where we currently stand. In a 2005 interview with The Guardian, Atwood stated that for her, “the science fiction label belongs on books with things in them that we can't yet do ... speculative fiction means a work that employs the means already to hand ... and that takes place

on Planet Earth.” It's with this definition in mind that “I'm Starved for You” is most effective in its messages of caution.

Advertised by Amazon.com as “compelling ideas expressed at their natural length,” the Kindle Single format, in which the novella was released, is an experimental form of publishing. Primarily for essays or short stories, these texts are generally shorter (30-90 pages) than their novel counterparts. Unfortunately, these strict limitations are the only drawbacks to the novella. The world Atwood creates almost seems too imaginative for a narrative that doesn't even exceed 100 pages, despite being written specifically for the Kindle Single format.

In some ways, it seems more like a preview of what was meant to be told on a larger scale but was ultimately scrapped and hastily wrapped up. However, that's not to insult the conclusion itself — it actually ends with a surprising twist that suits the novel well, if only leaving the reader somewhat tantalized by the well-constructed world that reaches fruition in its imagination, but not nearly as well in its narrative flow. Overall, “I'm Starved for You” succeeds in providing an ironic look at the complexities of both sexual repression and the constantly opposing forces of societal order and inherent disarray, if only somewhat discomforting in the reality of its frightening implications.

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By Alex Williams  
Daily Texan Staff

Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum don't seem like a great comedic duo on paper, but together they make "21 Jump Street," a film that shouldn't work, into a hilarious, surprisingly touching comedy.

The film screened at South By Southwest last week, and The Daily Texan participated in a round table interview with Hill and Tatum.

**The Daily Texan: SXSW seems like a great place to bring this film and show it to a crowd.**

**Jonah Hill:** Yeah, it's been really fun. I made [Channing] wait to see it with an audience, with the crowd tonight, because South By is the best place to show a movie in the world. In fact, five years ago exactly, I was here promoting "Knocked Up" with Paul Rudd when I got the phone call asking me to adapt this TV show into a movie, and I started working on it five years ago exactly, in this same hotel. It's kind of insane.

**DT: Was it originally a comedy?**  
**Hill:** My agent said "you should do it as a comedy," and I said, "Let me think about it. I don't want to be someone who remakes things," and that's why one of the first jokes is about how lazy it is. I wanted to make "Bad Boys" meets a John Hughes movie, and that's the idea I had and that's what I feel like we've done our best shot at, our best version of.

**DT: When you two first met, could you tell that you had that chemistry that would translate so well on screen?**

**Hill:** It's crazy because we took a gamble at it and ended up becoming great friends and got lucky that it worked.

**Channing Tatum:** Sometimes it's not like that.

**Hill:** We didn't know each other.

**Tatum:** We waved at each other



Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill hold a Q-and-A at the end of the premiere of their movie "21 Jump Street" hosted by South By Southwest at the Paramount Theatre Tuesday night. Tatum and Hill play the part of two undercover cops named Jenko and Schmidt.

from across a restaurant. "Superbad" came out, and I was like "Grats, dude!" And he was like "Sup?" And that was it.

**DT: How do you feel about the backlash from "21 Jump Street" ... I don't know what you would call**

**them, purists, I guess?**  
**Hill:** We've heard that once today, and that made me laugh so hard. Those 15 people. There's a script that's a pure adaptation of the series, and I can get a copy of that to the 15 nerds who are complaining online. The writers of it actually came up to me

and were like, "Oh man, your version is about a billion times better."

**DT: How did you decide what to keep from the original series?**  
**Hill:** We just wanted to pay homage at certain points, just to have that fun stuff for people who love

the show, but "21 Jump Street" purists ... It's like, "Shut the fuck up!" You know, it's not like we remade "The Godfather." I would never remake something that was like a brilliant, amazing thing. It was something that was fun, but it didn't need a remake. What's funny is, when you

talk to young people, they don't even know what "21 Jump Street" is.

**Tatum:** Just keep bringing it back. I don't care. Remakes or not, good stories are good stories. Good movies are good movies.

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# Radio segment retracted after falsehoods revealed

By Chris Nguen  
Daily Texan Staff

Somehow, it had gotten into the mind of Mike Daisey that a half-truth and a half-truth (along with buckets of other non-truths) equal a truth.

This past Friday, public radio show "This American Life" retracted a segment it aired in January adapted from Daisey's one-man show, "The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs." In the show, Daisey described the dire working conditions of a Foxconn factory in China he visited in 2010 that produces numerous Apple products. The show helped stoke the flames of discussion about the labor that manufactures the products that many of us hold in our hands every day.

However, those groups of teenage Chinese factory workers Daisey talked to? The man who maimed his hand while working in the factory, and to whom Daisey handed for the first time one of those iPads he helped produce when he lost his hand? Lies; nothing but a few of the outright false, unsubstantiated or embellished details Daisey created.

After airing, Marketplace reporter Rob Schmitz noticed false information, such as the security guards who hold guns at the entrance of the factory that Daisey vividly introduces his segment with. Schmitz eventually opened up the avalanche of other falsities when he contacted

Kathy, the translator who followed Daisey on his trip and confirmed the lies. According to Kathy, he met no underage workers. Kathy recalls the man with the maimed hand, but he had never said he worked at the factory.

Instead of the typical mix of stories, this week "This American Life" listeners were treated to a retraction episode, in which Ira Glass talked to Daisey and attempted to get the facts straight. One fact was certain: Daisey lied, and his biggest regret is that in informing listeners about the conditions of factories, he had presented the segment as journalism rather than in the "context of theatre" and memoir, where according to him, the tools of truth are different.

You could hear the anger bubbling in Glass's voice when he talked to Daisey. It represented the anger of the thousands upon thousands of listeners who were horrified at the tales Daisey told of the factories. Daisey had breached the implicit agreement made between readers and listeners and the person who is informing any part of our reality (whether labeled journalism or not): here is the truth, the facts as we know them at this very moment.

What Daisey did was systematically ignore the truth in front of him and replace it with what he perceived was the reality. If the facts did not suit him,

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# Author contributes dystopian novella to Kindle Singles market

By Rainy Schermerhorn  
Daily Texan Staff

"I'm Starved for You," a short novella released as a Kindle Single, is acclaimed author Margaret Atwood's latest dystopian release. Perhaps the most terrifying thing about Atwood's work is the sheer possibility of the worlds she constructs in her novels — although satirical in nature, they're just within enough of a sphere of reality to resonate with the audience. It's with this degree of possibility that "I'm Starved for You" finds its poignancy, despite its disappointingly short length.

In Atwood's future, a social experiment known as "Consilience" — an amalgam of the words "cons" and "resilience" — promises a solution to the staggering rates of unemployment and crime in America. Simply put, participants live a double life, spending one month immersed in society and another in prison. In exchange for giving up a handful of civil liberties, the thousands of volunteers involved in the early stages of this experiment are promised full-time employment and housing.

In her 1985 novel "The Handmaid's Tale," Atwood speculated



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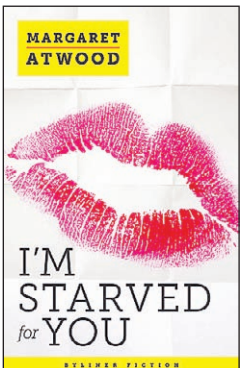
Author Margaret Atwood, who is known for her speculative science fiction, released her new novella "I'm Starved For You" as a Kindle Single.

a future in which contraceptive rights are restricted to the point of the essential enslavement of women, which in light of recent debates over birth control, rings frightfully possible. It's with this sense of fore-

shadowing that Atwood derives her success, with satirical subtleties that leaves the tone of "I'm Starved for You" a bit lighter than her previous work.

Political undertones aside

## BOOK REVIEW



**I'M STARVED FOR YOU**  
Margaret Atwood

GENRE | Science Fiction

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IFYOU LIKE | Phillip K Dick, Aldous Huxley

(though it feels unfair to cast aside the novella's primary socioeconomic commentary), "I'm Starved For You" is

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# Batsheva Dance Company performs with unique artistic style

By Rachel Thompson  
Daily Texan Staff

Watching a Batsheva dance performance is as much of an experience for the audience as it is for the dancers taking the stage, professor Yacov Sharir said.

Hailing from Israel, the Batsheva Dance Company presented "Max" on Monday night at Bass Concert Hall and displayed a unique type of dance that Sharir said must be approached with an open mind.

"You have to approach the work with a sense of vulnerability and humility," he said. "If you're expecting a Broadway-like show, this is not the company to see."

Sharir, who teaches dance at UT, said he has been a member of the Batsheva dance company for 13 years and has witnessed its transformation into an

international phenomenon.

"We were the luckiest dancers to be in the right place at the right time," he said. "It took Batsheva finding the very best choreographers and a repertoire of great dancers to employ."

Ohad Naharin, the choreographer of "Max," used the Batsheva style to incorporate his own technical work and ideas surrounding the dance, Sharir said.

"He works thematically and employs different techniques, depending on the work he's pursuing," he said. "He's very well set to have the dancers come up and contribute their own sensibility and how they like to move."

Ohad's work presents a unique experience for the audience and an element of surprise, Sharir said.

"There are long moments of stillness, and you have to find movement in that stillness," he

said. "There are also long moments of silence, and you need to attempt to find the music and the sound within the silence, and that's not easy to do."

While engaging in the unexpectedness of Ohad's choreography can be a challenge to an untrained audience, it is also a challenge for even the most skillful dancers trained in Batsheva technique, Sharir said.

"Is it hard? Is it challenging? It is," he said. "It is challenging for the dancers and challenging for the viewer as well. You have to be open to whatever happens."

Sharir also highlighted Israel as a hub of theatrical vivacity and a center for cutting-edge dance.

"There are more artistic activities in Israel than the [rest] of the whole world put together," he said. "The theaters at night are packed."

Sarah Rostoker, a grant writer for Ballet Austin, said she attended the performance because of her admiration and experience with the Batsheva style.

"I took a workshop in New York City, and it was unlike anything I'd ever done," she said. "It was so innovative and fresh, so I'm really excited to see his company."

Rostoker's mother, Joy, said she lived in Israel and was able to witness Batsheva dance in its original location.

"I had seen them in Israel and I'm just curious to see how they've evolved," she said.

While "Max" is true to Ohad's signature style, Sharir said it is a complex work involving different emotions.

"Max" is a journey into the human spirit — a primal expression of pain and human happiness," he said.